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Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Jim Probst lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Billie Pence, during a solemn ceremony on May 31, 1958, in Hickoria, Arkansas; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Jim and Billie Probst have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include two children, Dr. Jim Probst, Jr., and his wife, Kathy, and LTC Duane Probst and his wife, Cheryl; ; and

Whereas, Jim Probst has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being a retired thirty-five-year member of the United States Army, where he earned the rank of CSM; an ordained minister who preaches at Minister Bibleway Association Church; and a volunteer for the American Red Cross; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Billie Probst further distinguished herself by volunteering with the American Red Cross and various church activities; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Jim and Billie Probst have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Probst of Doniphan commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on June 14, 2008, at the Caring Community Center:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Jim and Billie Probst and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Jim Probst.

Offered by
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3526, adopted July 1, 2008.
Rod Jetton, Speaker